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PROCEEDINGS OF THE CONVENTION

OF THE

FRIENDS OF FREEDOM,

HELD IN LYCEUM HALL, NEW ORLEANS,

December 15th, 1863.

Pursuant to the following call, the Convention assembled in Lyceum Hall, December 15th, 1863, at 6½ P. M.

NOTICE TO THE FRIENDS OF FREEDOM.

At a session of the Union Free State General Committee of Louisiana, November 13th, 1863, the Special Committee appointed to make arrangements for a Convention of the Friends of Freedom, reported the following resolution, inviting delegates from all Union Associations in this State to assemble in Convention at Lyceum Hall, on the 15th of December, 1863, at 6 o'clock P. M., which was unanimously adopted.

THOMAS J. DURANT, *President.*

James Graham, *Secretary.*

RESOLUTION:

Resolved, That all organized Union Associations in the different Parishes of the State of Louisiana be requested to elect Delegates to meet in Convention at Lyceum Hall, in the city of New Orleans, on the 15th day of December, 1863, at 6 o'clock P. M., to elect Delegates to a General Convention of the Friends of Freedom, proposed to be held on the 8th day of January, 1864. Each Parish and District shall be entitled to vote in said Convention according to the number and proportion of the Free State basis of representation in the popular branch of the State Legislature.

Wm. R. Crane,
A. P. Dostie,
Edwin White,
J. Fisk,
James Ready,
} *Special Committee.*

The Convention was called to order by Dr. James Ready, who moved that the Hon. Edwin White be elected Chairman *pro tem.*, which was unanimously adopted.

On motion of Dr. A. P. Dostie, Mr. William Baker was appointed Secretary *pro tem.*

On motion of Dr. Ready, a committee of five members on credentials was ordered to be appointed.

The Chair then named Messrs. Hornor, Mandell, Miller, Perry and Stauffer. After a short recess, the Committee on Credentials reported the names of the following delegates:

FREE STATE UNION ASSOCIATION OF NEW ORLEANS.

Thomas J. Durant,
Charles W. Hornor,
B. L. Brown,
J. McNair,
J. B. Carter,
J. G. Belden,
J. White,
E. Warren,
V. Meilley,
E. H. Chadwick,
J. L. Sterry,
Hon. E. Hiestand,
Z. Getchell,
T. C. Goldman.

UNION ASSOCIATION OF NEW ORLEANS, FIRST DISTRICT.

J. M. C. Brady,
D. E. Mandell,
E. Murphy,
Robert Armfield,
J. M. White.

UNION CLUB FIRST DISTRICT.

Henry Perry,
M. J. Grady,
A. C. Hills,
W. B. Hall,
A. P. Dostie,
Rufus Waples,
Theodore Meek,
James Ready,
James E. Tewell,
M. Schuppert,
D. S. Shearer,
E. Heath,
J. R. Terry,
R. W. Miller,
John F. Collins.

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WORKING MENS' LEAGUE.

T. J. Earhart,
A. Jehlen,
W. B. Slaughter,
John Burke,
D. Christie,
J. Gorlinski,
L. P. Nugent,
A. McKee,
Josiah Fisk,
Thomas O'Burke,

Dr. W. H. Hire.

FIRST WARD UNION ASSOCIATION.

James Graham,
Wm. R. Crane,
J. A. Noble,
William Baker,
F. C. Mahan.
Samuel Barnes,
Ansel Edwards,
J. M. Burchard,
J. H. Darling,
Jacob Miller,

John F. Taylor.

SECOND WARD CLUB, FIRST DISTRICT

Henry Barnett.
Dr. E. C. Hyde.
N. F. Hyer.
Dr. J. Y. Meighan.
F. V. Boker,
F. T. Royer.

GERMAN UNION ASSOCIATION, FIRST AND FOURTH DISTRICTS.

First District.

J. B. Schroeder,
Geo. Schantz,
Michael Biegel,
William Kalberlah,

Sebastian Seiler.

Fourth District.

Henry Brandt,
John Kummig,
Charles Kehl,
Charles Schweickert,

Joseph Kupferle.

UNION ASSOCIATION, SECOND DISTRICT.

Dr. J. Allen.
Dr. B. Maas,
M. J. Brauneis,
J. L. Imlay,
L. S. Buchanan,
J. F. Fisher,
George Dinkel,
A. Boditz.
L. Nick,
Peter Rudolphus.

UNION REPUBLICAN CLUB, SECOND DISTRICT.

A. Fernandez, Anthony Condamin,
Victor Souterre, P. Ginguust,
E. O. Bertin.

UNION CLUB, SECOND DISTRICT.

Henry Train, Victor Gerodias,
Hon. Chas. Leaumont, Arnauld Commagere,
J. M. Crozart.

UNION ASSOCIATION, THIRD DISTRICT.

John S. Walton, M. Moulin,
James Jackson, J. P. Newcomb,
E. Goldman, J. McWhirter,
Joseph Duplaine.

EIGHTH WARD UNION CLUB, THIRD DISTRICT.

B. F. Flanders, H. Stiles,
F. A. Wolfley, Edward Hart,
Dr. Augustus Shelley.

FOURTH DISTRICT UNION ASSOCIATION.

D. C. Woodruff, L. B. Martin,
A. H. Whitney, J. L. Davis,
A. Keen.

TENTH WARD CLUB, FOURTH DISTRICT.

C. W. Stauffer, Hon. Edwin White,
S. G. Brower, R. W. Stanley,
George G. Cleal.

ELEVENTH WARD UNION ASSOCIATION, FOURTH DISTRICT.

E. Whittemore, W. R. Miller,
John Wyman, W. W. Lamberton,
W. R. Fish.

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CITY OF JEFFERSON ASSOCIATION.

John Hillerick, Henry Koons,
Adam Drott, John Payne,
Robert Morris. F. W. Fulmer,
Nicholas Schneider, Thomas Winn,
R. L. Lynch, William Piper.

REGENERATION CLUB OF LAFOURCHE, TERREBONNE AND ASSUMPTION.

August Ribbeck, Ferdinand Lorenz,
Justin Sarta, Theophile Boudreaux,
Alfred Rougelot.

UNION CLUB OF BATON ROUGE.

John O'Connor, A. Blum,
August Budy.

WESTERN LOUISIANA UNION CLUB.

J. E. Wallace.

The Chairman of the Committee on Credentials stated that the names of the delegates from an Association of free colored men had been rejected by the majority of the Committee.

Mr. T. J. Durant moved that the report of the said Committee be referred back to them, with instructions to report the names of all delegates with credentials.

The motion being seconded—

Mr. Hornor explained that the report was a majority report, and suggested that the report be accepted and the Committee discharged, when the question of admitting these delegates to the floor could be taken up by the Convention.

Mr. Miller, as one of the majority, said the Committee had only offered the result of their deliberations ; the Convention could do as they pleased with the question.

Mr. Earhart asked the name of the Association and the names of the delegates that the Committee had rejected.

Mr. Hornor said the name of the Association was the Union Radical Association, and read the list of names.

Mr. Fernandez said that many of the delegates whose names had just been read were personally known to him ; they were gentlemen—men of education. This was a Convention of the Friends of Freedom, and he saw no reason for excluding these men.

Mr. Crane was in favor of referring back the report.

After some further discussion, Mr. Durant's motion to refer back the report was adopted.

Soon after the Committee reported the following additional names :

UNION RADICAL ASSOCIATION.

Joseph Cariel,	Eugene Macarty,
M. Lanna,	Charles Haubert,
M. Debergue,	Isaac Bell,

Paul Hecam.

NATIVE CENTRAL COMMITTEE, LEFT BANK MISSISSIPPI.

S. W. Rogers,	H. Clay,
W. Forrest,	A. Barber,
L. Bouguille,	E. Campanel,
A. W. Lewis,	S. Delille,
H. Francis,	J. B. Noble,

Charles Winkfield.

It was then moved and seconded that the report of the Committee be received, and that the Committee be discharged, which was adopted.

Mr. Earhart offered the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the name of this Convention be styled "The Louisiana State Convention of the Friends of Freedom."

2. *Resolved*, That its permanent organization be a President, a Secretary, a Doorkeeper, with the necessary Committees ; and said Secretary not to be a member of this Convention.

3. *Resolved*, That before proceeding to any further business, the Rev. Stephen W. Rogers be requested to open this Convention with prayer.

A division of the question being called for, the question was put to the Convention, when, the chair being unable to decide, a division was demanded, when

Mr. B. L. Brown moved to lay the resolutions on the table, which was seconded and adopted.

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Upon motion, the resolution as to the name of the Convention was taken up, and after some debate, was amended so as to read as follows :

Resolved, That this Convention be styled "The Louisiana State Convention of the Friends of Freedom."

Mr. Earhart's second resolution was then taken up, and after a short debate, the following substitute, offered by Mr. James Graham was adopted :

Resolved, That the officers of the permanent organization be a President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary and Doorkeeper.

Mr. Earhart moved that Thomas J. Durant, Esq. be declared permanent President of this Convention. Adopted.

Messrs. Earhart and Ready were appointed a Committee to conduct the President to the chair, who was received with immense applause.

As soon as the applause had subsided, the President addressed the Convention as follows :

Fellow-Citizens of the Convention : — Friends of the cause of human freedom and of liberty, I feel greatly oppressed by the sentiments which crowd upon me with overpowering influence as I thank you, before taking my seat in the honorable position to which your voices have assigned me, for the honor you have conferred on me. You are assembled in a great and sacred cause. It is the cause for which your forefathers fought ; the cause for which your brothers, on many a battle-field, are falling and dying, It is the sacred cause of liberty. We are prompted to the execution of the task which we have undertaken by every sentiment of justice and humanity : of justice to ourselves as men representing the great principles of freedom in the State of Louisiana, and to those wearing the bonds of slavery, but whose bonds are now to be broken. This Convention is the first deliberative body in Louisiana that will have proclaimed the freedom of all men. No matter with how dark a hue their skins may be embrowned, beneath the surface there is the soul of a man, and therein we recognize the great principle of equality and fraternity. It is the assertion of this principle which will lead to the reconstruction of our country. It is by the destruction of slavery that, phœnix-like, will rise from the ashes of this rebellion the spirit of a new freedom. Out of this *insurrection* will grow a *resurrection* that will lead us to a glorious immortality.

Dr. Ready moved that F. G. Chamberlain be Secretary ; F. B. Earhart, Assistant Secretary, and William A. Davis, Doorkeeper.

James E. Tewell nominated Mr. William Baker as Secretary.

The name of Mr. Chamberlain was withdrawn as a candidate for Secretary, and William Baker was unanimously elected Secretary to the Convention.

Mr. F. B. Earhart was nominated as Assistant Secretary, but declined.

Mr. F. G. Chamberlain was nominated and duly elected Assistant Secretary ; and Wm. A Davis, as Doorkeeper.

Mr. T. J. Earhart's resolution to open the proceedings of the Convention with prayer, was then taken up.

A motion to lay on the table indefinitely, was put and declared to be lost, when a division was called for, and resulted in—aye, 52 ; nay, 56.

The motion to lay on the table being lost—

Dr. Ready moved to strike out the name of S. W. Rogers, which was lost.

The original motion was then put, and declared carried. A division being demanded, gave the following result—aye, 62 ; nay, 53 ; and the resolution was declared carried.

The President then invited the Rev. S. W. Rogers to step forward and open the proceedings of the Convention by prayer. The reverend gentleman stepped on the platform and offered up a very eloquent and appropriate prayer.

After which, the President announced the object of the Convention to be the election of delegates to a Convention of the Friends of Freedom of the Southern States, proposed to be held in Louisville, Kentucky, on the 8th of January next. He stated that it was very probable that the day of meeting would be postponed, and possibly the place of meeting changed.

Mr. John F. Collins moved that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions, setting forth the opinions and purposes of this Convention. Adopted.

Upon motion, the number of the committee was fixed at three. To consist of Messrs. Hornor, Waples and Flanders.

Mr. Chamberlain moved to increase the number of the committee to five. After a short debate the motion was withdrawn.

Dr. Dostie moved to have the committee to consist of one from each delegation.

Hon. Ed. White moved to lay Dr. Dostie's resolution on the table, which was carried.

Mr. Fisk offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That we approve of the call for a Convention of the Friends of Freedom to meet on the 8th of January, 1864, at Louisville, Kentucky, and that we will elect —— delegates to represent Louisiana in said Convention.

Mr. Collins moved to lay on the table which was adopted.

Mr. Earhart offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President now proceed to appoint the regular standing committees of this Convention, as follows :

A Committee on Credentials and the introduction of new members ; a Committee on Ways and Means.

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Each resolution was then put separately and adopted.

Moved—that each committee consist of three. Adopted.

The President appointed Messrs. Earhart of New Orleans, Sarta of Lafourche, and O'Connor of Baton Rouge, the Committee on Credentials ; and Messrs. Graham, Fish and Fernandez the Committee on Ways and Means.

Mr. J. R. Terry offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the President appoint a Sergeant-at-Arms, who shall hold his office during the sittings of this Convention.

After some debate, the resolution was put to the vote and declared lost. A division being called for, resulted as follows : aye, 33 ; nay, 43. The resolution was consequently lost.

Mr. Wm. R. Crane moved that the Committee on Resolutions have till to-morrow evening to report ; and that when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn till to-morrow evening at 6 o'clock.

At the request of several members, Mr. Crane withdrew that portion of his resolution referring to adjournment.

Mr. Collins moved to take Mr. Fisk's resolution from the table. Upon being put to the vote, it was declared lost. A division was demanded, with the following result : aye, 69 ; nay, 5. Mr. Fisk's resolution was accordingly taken up.

Mr. Collins moved to fill the blank with the figure 7, which was adopted.

It was moved to amend, by inserting after Louisville, Ky., "or any other place that may be selected."

Moved to lay amendment temporarily on the table to permit the Committee on Resolutions to report. Motion adopted.

Mr. C. W. Hornor, Chairman of the Committee, reported that the Committee had a number of resolutions before them, three or four of which they had decided to adopt, but that they were not prepared to report, and asked time to prepare their report.

Mr. A. C. Hills moved, that when this Convention adjourns, it adjourn till to-morrow evening.

Dr. Ready moved to amend, by adding "4 o'clock" after the word evening.

Mr. W. R. Miller moved, "That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet on Monday next." Also, "That when we adjourn, we adjourn to meet to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock."

The motion to adjourn till Tuesday next was then put and lost.

The motion to adjourn to Monday next was then put and adopted.

Hon. Ed. White moved to adjourn. Adopted.

The Convention then adjourned to meet in the same place on Monday evening, December 21st, at 6½ o'clock.

MONDAY, December 21st, 1863.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Convention met at half-past six, P. M., the President, Thos. J. Durant, in the chair.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and after some correction of names, were adopted.

The Chair announced the order of business, and called for the report of the Committee on Resolutions, when

Mr. James E. Tewell offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That this Convention recommend to the Free State General Committee, when it shall have been fully advised as to the time and place of holding the Freedom's Convention of the slave States, to call a State Convention of the Friends of Freedom, the basis of representation therein to be similar to that agreed upon for the Constitutional Convention, and the proceedings to be participated in only by associations now represented in the Free State General Committee.

Resolved, That this Convention do now adjourn *sine die.*

The Chair decided the motion to be out of order, as contrary to the object for which the Convention was called and destructive of its organization. The decision of the Chair was appealed from, and the yeas and nays demanded.

When the names of one of the colored delegations was called, S. W. Rogers stated that his delegation, learning there had been some misunderstanding or dissatisfaction, had attended with the intention of remaining quiet, and did not propose to take any part in the proceedings.

The President stated that the Secretary would call the names of every member admitted at the last meeting ; they could use their own pleasure about voting.

Mr. Waples moved that the delegation be excused from voting.

The President could not entertain the motion until the delegation asked to be excused.

The calling of the roll was resumed by the Secretary, and the following result announced : whole number of votes cast, 96 ; yeas, 77 ; nay, 19. The decision of the Chair was consequently sustained.

Mr. W. R. Miller then offered the following resolution :

Resolved, That the delegations hereinafter named be, and are hereby declared, members of, and constituting, with those hereafter to be admitted, the Louisiana State Convention of the Friends of Freedom :

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The Free State Union Association.
The First District Union Association.
The Second District Union Association.
The Third District Union Association.
The Fourth District Union Association.
Union Club, First District.
Union Club, Second District.
Union Club, 1st Ward, First District.
Union Club, 2d Ward, First District.
Union Club, 8th Ward, Third District.
Union Club, 10th Ward, Fourth District.
Union Club, 11th Ward, Fourth District.
Union Club, Baton Rouge,
Union Association of New Orleans, First District.
Workingmen's Union League.
German Union Association, First and Fourth Districts.
Union Republican Club, Second District.
Regeneration Club, Parishes of Lafourche, Terrebonne and Assumption.
City of Jefferson Association.
Western Louisiana Union Club.

It was moved to lay the resolution on the table.

The President decided the resolution of Mr. Miller was out of order, on the ground that the matter contained in it had been settled by the Convention at a previous meeting.

Mr. Miller appealed from the decision of the Chair. Upon being put to the vote, the decision of the Chair was declared to be sustained.

Mr. Meeks then offered the following resolution:

Whereas, At the meeting held in this hall, on the evening of the 15th inst. last, by the delegates representing the different clubs and societies of white male citizens of the parishes of Orleans and Jefferson, and composed of unconditional Union men; and

Whereas, The object of said meeting was to elect delegates to meet delegates from other States in convention to be held in this city of New Orleans or Louisville, for the purpose of adopting some desirable concert of action; and

Whereas, The proceedings of said meeting were conducted in an informal manner, to-wit:

By proceeding to business without calling the roll of the proper accredited delegates;

In not calling the names of delegates, that the votes might be correctly tallied;

Also, by permitting the colored delegates to vote on the question of their own admission; and

Whereas, It is believed that said proceedings has already and will further tend to cause dissatisfaction and prevent that harmony of action among ourselves desirable. Be it therefore

Resolved, That said proceedings be reconsidered.

The Chair decided the resolution out of order.

The decision of the Chair was appealed from, and some calls being made for the yeas and nays, the Chair announced that as no rules had been adopted by this Convention for the government of its proceedings, it must be presumed that the rules by which public meetings and legislative bodies were governed, were proper for the guidance of this Convention, and in such cases, it required one-fifth of the members to call for the yeas and nays before they could be ordered.

It appearing that one-fifth of the members demanded the yeas and nays, they were ordered to be called.

The roll was then called, when 104 votes were cast: yeas, 85; nays, 19.

The decision of the Chair was therefore sustained.

The Chair then called for the report of the Committee appointed at the last meeting to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the Convention, when Dr. Ready offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Convention should be, to fulfill the object for which it was called, composed of white men and citizens of Louisiana.

The Chair declared the resolution out of order.

Hon. Judge E. Hiestand, not having been present at the previous meeting, asked to be informed, as there appeared to be some misunderstanding about the colored delegations, how the status of delegations had been decided.

The President explained, that the colored delegations had been admitted in the same manner as other delegations.

Mr. Hornor announced that the credentials of delegates from an Association at Carrollton had just been handed him, and he desired to know what should be done with them.

The Chair stated that the admission of members to seats would take precedence of all other business.

The gentleman (whose name did not transpire) who handed in the credentials referred to, stated that the delegation he represented were not willing to sit in a Convention where colored men were admitted to seats, he would therefore withdraw the credentials.

Mr. C. W. Hornor, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions, then reported the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, The Hon. B. Gratz Brown, Senator from Missouri, and other Friends of Freedom in that State, have issued a call for a General Convention of the Friends of Freedom from all the slaveholding States, to be held at Louisville, Kentucky, on the 8th day of January, 1864, for the purpose of deliberating upon the best means of securing, on a permanent basis, the

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interests of human liberty, and uniting in harmonious and concerted action the efforts of all who are opposed to slavery; *and whereas*, this Convention cordially approves the purposes thus had in view. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the opinion of this Convention a General Convention of the Friends of Freedom in the Southern States ought to be held at an early day, and that said Convention should be held on the 22d day of February 1864, rather than on the 8th of January, as the latter date does not afford sufficient time to all interested to make the necessary preparations.

Resolved, That we respectfully urge upon our friends in other States called to this Convention, the propriety of holding the same in New Orleans, as being a place better adapted to the purpose, more accessible to all, and one from which the voice of such a Convention would be heard with more effect than the place first proposed.

Resolved, That we cordially approve of all the measures of the Administration for the suppression of the rebellion; but more than all, of the Proclamation of Emancipation of 1st January, 1863, and that had the Proclamation excepted no part of Louisiana from its operation, we should only have approved it the more.

Resolved, That the present rebellion is an effort of the slaveholding party to overthrow the structure and principles of republican government and the rights of man, and to substitute for them a despotic government based on ignorance, slavery and military force.

Resolved, That the best means of aiding the Government in the suppression of the rebellion are to be found in the employment of all honorable means to abolish slavery, and finally extinguish the abhorrent idea of property in man.

Resolved, That the State Governments of the rebellious States were unjustly and illegally disorganized, subverted and overthrown by the hands of armed traitors: and the subsequent conquest of the territory of those States does not operate the restoration of the State Governments.

Resolved, That the only proper method for the insurrectionary districts to pursue, in order to regain their position as States in the Union, is to call conventions, adopt constitutions for the new States and petition Congress for admission into the Union.

Resolved, That so far from objecting to the organization of territorial government for the States subverted by the rebels, we consider such organization the safest course and the surest method to secure free State Governments; the most effectual remedy for the evils of secession; the plan most likely to satisfy the malcontents (as they would be debarred the plea of being kept in the Union against their will); but so far as Louisiana is concerned, we hope to have a free State Government before any territorial organization can be made by Congress.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

Mr. Fisk then offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That all the rebel States ought to be considered as conquered territory, and that Congress ought not to admit them, or any of them, into the Union until they have adopted Free State Constitutions.

The Chair was of opinion that the substance of Mr. Fisk's resolution was embodied in the resolutions just adopted.

Upon motion, Mr. Fisk's resolution was laid on the table.

Mr. Collins moved to take up the resolution of Mr. Fisk, adopted at the previous meeting, fixing the number of delegates to the Louisville Convention at seven. The motion was adopted.

It was then moved to amend by adding "or at any other time that may be adopted." The amendment was carried. The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Moved—that the Chair appoint the delegates to the Convention, which motion, after some debate, was withdrawn.

Moved—that a committee of three be appointed to suggest names of candidates to be voted for. The motion was lost.

Mr. M. C. Mahan moved that the Convention now nominate and elect the delegates. The motion was lost.

Mr. B. F. Flanders moved that all members who were willing to go and pay their own expenses, be requested to rise, and that the Convention elect from them the seven delegates required. The motion was lost.

The Chair requested all who were willing to go and pay their own expenses, to rise; none, however, responded.

Dr. Ready suggested that it was hardly fair to ask men to go and pay their own expenses; the Convention met for the purpose of sending delegates to the Convention of the Friends of Freedom of the Southern States. The questions to be discussed before that Convention were important, and the Convention ought to select as delegates such men as they wanted to represent them, and pay their expenses.

Mr. Flanders agreed with the last gentleman, and offered a resolution: That all who were willing to go if their expenses were paid, be requested to rise.

Dr. Ready said that there were many who might go if elected, but who, after the adoption of the last resolution, would feel a delicacy about offering themselves as candidates.

Mr. Flanders thereupon withdrew his motion.

Dr. Ready then moved that the Convention take a recess of ten minutes, for the purpose of consultation, in order to learn who were willing to go.

A motion was made to amend, by the appointment of a committee of three, to submit to the Convention the names of persons who would go if elected. The amendment was adopted.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Flanders, Ready and Edwin White ; when the Chair announced a recess of ten minutes.

The recess having expired, the Chair called the Convention to order, when the Committee reported the following names :

Thos. J. Durant, Esq., Dr. Ready, J. McNair, E. Goldman, J. M. White, T. J. Earhart and A. Fernandez.

Messrs. J. McNair and E. Goldman stated that they could not attend, when their names were stricken from the list.

The name of Thos. J. Durant, Esq., was then put in nomination. The question was put by the Secretary, and Thos. J. Durant was unanimously elected,

Mr. W. W. Lamberton moved that the election be by ballot. Upon being put to the vote, the Chair declared the motion carried. A division being called for, resulted in 62 votes for, 42 against. The election was therefore ordered to be by ballot.

Mr. Collins moved to add the name of Mr. Fisk. Mr. Fisk declined.

The following gentlemen were then nominated and added to the list offered by the Committee :

D. L. Shearer, B. F. Flanders, Rufus Waples, L. B. Martin, W. W. Lamberton, John S. Walton, Charles Leaumont, Dr. A. P. Dostie, J. B. Schroder, D. C. Woodruff, Geo. G. Cleal and Jno. F. Collins.

Moved—that the nominations be now closed. Adopted.

It was then moved to read the list of names, and strike off all who could not promise to go if elected.

The motion was adopted, and all but the following gentlemen declined : Thos. J. Durant, Dr. Ready, J. M. White, T. J. Earhart and A. Fernandez.

Mr. Fisk withdrew his refusal, and his name was added to the list.

The name of Ansel Edwards was also added.

Hon. Chas. Leaumont then moved to reconsider the resolution as to the election of delegates by ballot. The motion was adopted.

A motion was made to elect the delegates by acclamation. Adopted.

The following names were then submitted to vote and declared unanimously elected : Thos. J. Durant, Dr. Ready, J. M. White, T. J. Earhart, A. Fernandez, Josiah Fisk and Ansel Edwards.

Mr. Waples moved to add the name of Mr. Gallup to the list of delegates. Mr. Gallup declined.

Mr. Noble moved to add the name of A. C. Hills to the list. Adopted.

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Moved and seconded—that this Conventi
Motion unanimously adopted.

THOMAS J. DURANT, *President.*

WILLIAM BAKER, *Secretary.*

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